

## Frequently asked questions regarding a new State Indian Museum October 2002

### What is the status of the new California State Indian Museum?

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2002, Governor Gray Davis signed Senate Bill 2063 establishing the museum under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. It also establishes a Task Force to assist the Department by advising and recommending a location, design, content and governing structure for the museum.

### Who will be on the Task Force and how will its members be selected?

The law specifies that the Task Force will have 9 members; at least 5 are required to be California Indians. The Task Force will be formed as follows:

- The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation will appoint **3 members** from California Indian tribes.
- The Executive Secretary of the Native American Heritage Commission will appoint **2 members** from California Indian tribes.
- The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (or her designee) will be **1 member**.
- The Executive Secretary of the Native American Heritage Commission (or his designee) will be **1 member**.
- The State Librarian (or his designee) will be **1 member**.
- The Secretary of the Resources Agency (or her designee) will be **1 member**.

The Department of Parks and Recreation and the Native American Heritage Commission will work together to evaluate the Task Force nominations and to consider the appointments. If you would like to nominate someone (or yourself) to be considered for the Task Force, fill out a Nomination Form and return it by December 1, 2002. Forms are available on the State Park website or you can request that one be sent to you through the mail. Contact information is listed on the back of this sheet.

### Is there money to pay for it?

The State's initial contribution of \$5 million dollars will enable the Department and the Task Force to get started. Funding for future phases will be needed over a period of years. It will come from a variety of sources, including the State, private organizations and individuals.

### What will it be called?

The official name is the *California Indian Cultural Center and Museum (CICCM)*.

### Where will it be?

The site has not been selected. A twenty-eight acre site in the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, overlooking Lake Natoma, was tentatively set aside for this purpose in the late 1970's but other sites may also be considered. One of the duties of the Task Force is to recommend a site by February 2004.

### How long will the process take?

The Task Force must be convened by February 1, 2003. One of its first orders of business will be to review the extensive feasibility study written in 1991/92 for a State Indian Museum. It is expected that the results of this study can serve as a solid

foundation for the Task Force to work on. The whole project will take a number of years to complete. We hope to conduct the work in phases so that at least a portion of the museum will be operational in 3 – 5 year period.

**Who can I contact for more information and what can I do to help?**

Stay informed by checking the CICCM link on the State Parks' website ([WWW.parks.ca.gov](http://WWW.parks.ca.gov)). Let us add you to our mailing list. Share the news with tribal members, friends and others. Give us your feedback and ideas about programs, potential funding sources, and services that the museum can offer.

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